

## CVR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2007

Michael Madsen  
Brent Scharman  
Louise Speth  
Ron Gordon

Consuelo Alires  
JoAnn Huber  
Gary Scheller  
Tina Stroman

Dana Thomas  
Patti Jensen  
Connie Wettlaufer  
Julie Christenson, CCJJ

Louise Speth convened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

1. **Minutes of the December 13, 2006 Board meeting were approved.**
2. Review of Claims (Closed Meeting)  
**A motion was made by Brent Scharman and seconded by Louise Speth to close the meeting for the review of claims. Motion passed. All in favor. None opposed.**
  - A. Claim Number 155775 Gary Scheller  
A request to grant secondary victim status for the mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, and brother-in-law of the deceased victim to allow for the reimbursement of funeral travel expenses. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the request. All in favor. None opposed.**
  - B. Claim Number 154843 JoAnn Huber  
The claimant's doctor recommended a Bone Growth Stimulator to help increase the chance of healing her broken arm. A request for Board approval to exceed the \$1,500 maximum medical equipment award. Dr. Madsen offered to contact other orthopedic surgeons to get their opinions on the use of Bone Growth Stimulators. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the request up to \$2,500 contingent upon Dr. Madsen's findings. All in favor. None opposed.**
  - C. Claim Number 145330 Dana Thomas  
A request to exceed the twelve week maximum award for loss of wages. CVR has already paid the maximum twelve weeks. The request is for an additional twelve weeks. **A motion was made and seconded to deny the request. All in favor. None opposed.**
3. Victim Services Grant Julie Christenson  
CVR received one grant application during the Request for Proposal period that ended January 22, 2007. The Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) applied for \$50,000 in Victim Services Grant funds to cover the cost of conducting a Rape Survey. Julie Christenson was present to discuss the technical aspects of the new survey and to answer questions. Julie said CCJJ would like to replicate their 2005 survey to validate the results, to keep the issue in front of the public, policy makers and media, and to develop ways to improve victim services by working with victim service providers. The sample size will be increased to around 1600 complete responses in an effort to obtain a greater response from the 18-24 age group. The data obtained from the survey will be shared with allied agencies that could have an impact on Utah laws. **A motion was made and seconded to award CCJJ a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to conduct a Rape Survey. Motion passed. All in favor. None opposed. Ron will state the conditions of the grant, listing Board specific concerns, in the approval letter.**

4. CVR Application and Brochure Consuelo Alires  
Consuelo discussed the possibility of CVR replacing the existing victim application form with a Spanish/English bilingual form. CVR currently has separate application forms in English and Spanish. Consuelo presented a draft bilingual form she developed for Board review. The pros and cons of using a bilingual form were discussed at length. The Board decided the best option would be to keep the separate forms but to make both available on CVR's website. A Spanish version of the CVR brochure should also be available on the website when completed.
5. Board Members Louise Speth, Ron Gordon  
Ron received a letter of resignation from Nancy Wright. In addition to Nancy, Afton Ririe will leave the Board when her term of office expires in April. This will create the need to fill the two private citizen positions on the Board. Ron asked Board members to contact him if they have suggestions for individuals who might want to serve on the Board.
6. Sick and Annual as a Collateral Source Ron Gordon, Gary Scheller  
Ron explained that current CVR rules indicate that sick leave and annual leave must be considered as a collateral source unless the Director makes an exception based upon extenuating circumstances. This means the claimant has to exhaust his sick and annual leave before he can receive some benefits from CVR such as loss of wages. Ron does not consider annual and sick leave to be a collateral source and asked the Board to discuss the current rule requirement to determine if it should be changed. After discussion it was decided to table this agenda item until the next Board meeting.

**The next meeting will be held on May 23, 2007.**

The meeting was adjourned.